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For: SYSTEM FOR TREATING ARTICULAR CARTILAGE DEFECTS (as amended)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed October 12, 1999, Applicant elects Group I. Claims 80-85, 87-103 and 105-109 read on the elected species.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (408) 736-0224.

Respectfully submitted,

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